

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) today encouraged high school students from Florida's 13th District to participate in the 30th Annual Congressional Student Arts Competition.

"Each spring the U.S. House of Representatives sponsors an art competition for high school students," said Buchanan. "This nationwide competition provides students with an excellent opportunity to showcase their talent."

All high school students who reside in or attend school in Florida's 13th District are eligible to participate in the competition. Each school can submit up to three student entries to be judged by a curator for the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota.

The winning entry from Florida's 13th District will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol alongside artwork from every congressional district across the country. The winner will also be awarded a flight for two to Washington D.C. to present their winning artwork. The second, third, and fourth place winners and honorable mentions will have their artwork on exhibit for one year in the Ringling Museum of Art.

The deadline to submit artwork is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011. All entries and paperwork should be delivered to one of my offices located at:

111 South Orange Avenue

Floor 2R, Suite 202W

Sarasota, FL 34236

2424 Manatee Avenue West

Suite 104

Bradenton, FL 34205

The Congressman will be hosting an awards ceremony and reception to honor all participants on Friday, May 6, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Ringling Museum of Art.

For more information, contact the Congressman's Bradenton office at 941.747.9081 or his Sarasota office at 941.951.6643.